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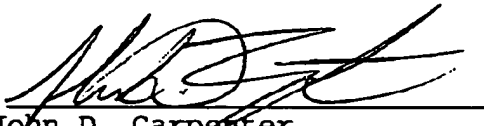
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated August 27, 2004, the Examiner required restriction of the claims to one of three groups. Applicant's hereby elect to prosecute claims 18-25 (Group II), drawn to a method of producing an amine. Applicant's have cancelled claims 1-17 and 26-30 without prejudice to their being pursued in a subsequent divisional application. This election is being made without traverse.

Applicant's respectfully request examination on the merits and look forward to receiving an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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